

Diocese of Barbados



DIOCESAN SERVICE TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL SYNOD 2026

GOD'S MISSIONAL CHURCH
FOR GOD'S CHILDREN



GATHERING IN COMMUNITY
GROUNDING IN FAITH
GOING FORTH IN
LOVE AND SERVICE



A CELEBRATION

of

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

and

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

on

May 17, 2026

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

5.00 p.m.

in

**THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
Bridgetown**

Celebrant:

THE RIGHT REVEREND MICHAEL B. ST. J. MAXWELL
Bishop of Barbados

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION

Acolyte | Crucifer | Acolyte
Cathedral Choir

Crucifer
Server

Sunday Schools
(with Sunday School Teachers & Superintendents)

Server
Deanery Youth Representatives
Altar Servers Executive
Ordinands

Server
Church Lad and Girls Brigade and Officers
Diocesan and Organizational Banner Bearers
(with Executive Members)

Server
Diocesan Trustees
Lay Synod Representatives
Diocesan Secretary

Server
Diocesan Clergy
(according to year of Ordination)

The Rev. Greta Yearwood / *The Rev. Adzil Stuart*
The Rev. Reudon Eversley / *The Rev. Edith Small*
The Rev. Sharon King / *The Rev. Stephanie Gooding*

The Rev. Stevenson Sobers / *The Rev. Denis Maynard*
The Rev. Re-Shan White / *The Rev. Levon Alkins*
The Rev. Lisa Jessamy Maynard / *The Rev. Michelle Leacock*
The Rev. Nicholas Small-Warner / *Capt. The Rev. Roslyn Harper-Johnson*
The Rev. Suzette Archer / *The Rev. Audrey Griffith*
The Rev. Dr. O. Moses Adesina / *The Rev. Yolanda Clarke*
The Rev. Reginald Knight / *The Rev. Myra LaPlante*
The Rev. Michael Squires / *The Rev. Graveney Bannister*
The Rev. Desmond Ward / *The Rev. Suzanne Ellis*
The Rev. Allan Jones / *The Rev. E. Brian Thompson*
The Rev. Richard Kellman / *The Rev. Joseph King*
The Rev. Merlene Lucas / *The Rev. Selven Lowe*
The Rev. Keith Griffith / *The Rev. Wayne Kirton*
The Rev. Fequel LaPlante / *The Rev. Davidson Bowen*

<i>The Rev. Sandra Hazell</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Angela Phillips</i>
<i>The Rev. Kim Welch</i>	/	<i>The Rev. David Yarde</i>
<i>The Rev. Von Barker</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Clifford Hall</i>
<i>The Rev. Ivan Walters</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Michael Haynes</i>
<i>The Rev. Jilian Crawford</i>	/	<i>Captain The Rev. Hugh Sandiford</i>
<i>The Rev. Erma Ambrose</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Clive Thomas</i>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Alistair Stewart</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Dr. Marcus Lashley</i>
<i>Major (Ret.) The Rev. Mylon Springer</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Charles Morris</i>
<i>The Rev. Dr. Michael Clarke</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Dr. William Beckles</i>
<i>The Rev. Everton Lyte</i>	/	<i>The Rev. Frank Gill</i>

Crucifer

Server

Honorary Canons

Canons Emeriti

Archdeacon Emeritus

Dean Emeritus

Server

Cathedral Clergy

Rural Deans

Principal of Codrington College (*Acting*)

Server

The Registrar

The Chancellor

The Gospeller

Bishops Emeriti

The Dean and Chapter of St. Michael's Cathedral

The Chapter Crucifer

Stall of St. Aidan

Stall of St. Augustine

Stall of St. Basil

Stall of Canon Missioner

Stall of St. Ambrose

Stall of St. Cyprian

Stall of St. Ignatius

Cathedral Verger

The Dean

Attending Server

The Bishop's Chaplain

The Bishop

ORDER OF SERVICE

4:30 – 4:50 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP PRELUDE

led by Christ Church Youth Chorale

As the Deer (407, CPWIH)

As the deer pants for the water
so my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

Refrain:

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
to you alone my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
and the apple of my eye.

Refrain

You're my friend and you're my brother
even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
so much more than anything.

Refrain

He is Lord (252, CPWIH)

He is Lord, He is Lord;
He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is King, He is King!
He is risen from the dead, and He is King.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is King

He is Love, He is Love.
He is risen from the dead, and He is Love.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Love.

Majesty, worship His majesty (848, CPWIH)

Majesty, worship His majesty;
unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom, authority,
flows from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Shine Jesus Shine (529, CPWIH)

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth you now bring us —
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;

by your blood I may enter your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness —
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story —
shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Gather Christians, let's now celebrate (309, CPWIH)

Refrain:

*Gather Christians, let's now celebrate;
gather Christians, the Lord we now await.
Gather, Christians, behold he comes,
rejoice and sing! For the Lord is King.*

To God the Father, let's give him praise;
to God the Father our voice we raise.
To God the Father who reigns above,
praise the Lord for his mercy and his love.

Refrain

As we stand before our God,
with Christ Jesus, our saving Lord,
we'll break his word now, and break the bread,
as we proclaim: he's risen from the dead!

Refrain

Let us all now, as one community,
praise and honour the Trinity,
let us all now with one accord,
sing out our praise to the living Lord!

Refrain

4:50 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE

5:00 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

The Dean

VOLUNTARY INTROIT FOR THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

HYMNS FOR THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION

Children of Jerusalem (128, CPWIH)

Children of Jerusalem
sang the praise of Jesus' name;
children, too, of modern days,
join to sing the Saviour's praise:

Refrain:

*hark, hark, hark! While children's voices sing,
hark, hark, hark! While children's voices sing
loud hosannas, loud hosannas,
loud hosannas to our King.*

We are taught to love the Lord,
we are taught to read His Word,
we are taught the way to heaven;
praise for all to God be given.

Refrain

Parents, teachers, old and young,
all unite to swell the song;
higher and yet higher rise,
till hosannas reach the skies.

Refrain

Enter into Jerusalem (303, CPWIH)

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house.
With the healthy and the sick, with the worker and the weak,
let us go to God's house.
Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house.
Come and run with the wind with the God who reigns in peace,
let us go to God's house.

Refrain:

*We go celebrate, we go celebrate, we go celebrate, O Israel.
Praise the name of the Lord on high, praise his name in song.
Praise the Lord with a heavenly song, with a heavenly song,
with a heavenly song, praise the Lord.*

Enter into Jerusalem, mek wi walk-a-dung dere.
Wid di young and di old and di likkle and di large,
mek wi walk-a-dung dere.
Enter into Jerusalem, mek wi walk-a-dung dere.
Swaying to the breeze with the God who reigns in peace,
mek wi walk-a-dung dere.

Refrain

Enter into Jerusalem let us go to God's house;
Wid yu Papa and yu Muma, wid yu Uncle and yu Aunt,
let us go to God's house.
Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house.
Run and catch the breeze with the God who reigns in peace,
let us go to God's house.

Refrain

Come, we that love the Lord (515, CPWIH)

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

*We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King,
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.

Refrain

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.

Refrain

WELCOME

The Dean

OPENING HYMN: Crown Him with many crowns (190, CPWIH)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:

awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail,
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

OPENING SENTENCE (ASCENSION)

BISHOP:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14,16

THE INVOCATION

BISHOP:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed by His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF INTENT

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Ooooo, Ooooo, Ooooo

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*PERUVIAN*)

Chorale: Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.

**All: Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.**

Refrain:

Chorale: To God be glory for ever.

All: To God be glory for ever.

Chorale: Alleluia, amen,

All: Alleluia, amen,

Chorale: Alleluia, amen,

All: Alleluia, amen.

Chorale: Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.

**All: Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.**

Refrain

Chorale: Glory to God, glory to God,
 Glory to the Spirit.

All: **Glory to God, glory to God,
 Glory to the Spirit.**

Refrain

THE COLLECTS

BISHOP: Let us pray.

Synod

BISHOP:

Almighty and everlasting Father, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless, we pray, with His grace and presence, the bishop(s) and other clergy and the laity here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfil all the mind of Him who loved it and gave Himself for it, your Son Jesus Christ our Saviour; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

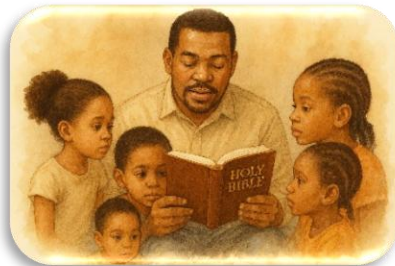
ALL: **Amen.**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

BISHOP:

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

ALL: **Amen.**



THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-12, 20-25

Mr. Bevan Niccolls, Youth Representative to Provincial Synod

READER: A reading from the Word of God written in the Book of Deuteronomy, the sixth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery... When your children ask you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ then you shall say to your children, ‘We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors.

Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.’

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: Let children hear the mighty deeds

(Based on Psalm 78)

Let children hear the mighty deeds
which God performed of old,
which in our younger years we saw
and which our fathers told.

He bids us make his glories known,
the works of pow'r and grace,
that we convey his wonders down
through ev'ry rising race.

Our lips shall tell them to our sons,
and they again to theirs,
and generations yet unborn
must teach them to their heirs.

Thus shall they learn, in God alone
their hope securely stands,
that they may ne'er forget his works,
but practice his commands.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Ms. Robyn Proverbs, Synod Representative for St Matthias Church

READER: A reading from the Word of God written in Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, the first chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers

night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

READER: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL: Give me that old time religion

Refrain:

*Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
It's good enough for me.*

It was good for Paul and Silas,
It was good for Mark and Barnabas
It was good for Timothy and Titus,
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

It was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for those in Jerusalem,
It was good for the Early Christians,
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

It was good for our forefathers,
It was good for all our mothers,
It was good for our brothers and sisters,
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

Makes me love my Heavenly Father,
Makes me love when we have gathered
Makes me love and care for my neighbour
So it's good enough for me.

Refrain

DRAMATIZED GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-22

Jesus blesses the children and speaks to the rich young man

HYMN: Saviour, like a shepherd lead us (667, CPWIH)

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tenderest care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
thou has bought us, thine we are;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
thou has bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
hear, oh hear us when we pray;
blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
hear, oh hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
let us early turn to thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favour,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Saviour,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus
thou hast loved us, love us still.

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

The Right Reverend Michael B. St. J. Maxwell

LITURGICAL DANCE – “Let Everything”

The Naweza Dance Movement, The Church of Christ the King

HYMN: We believe in God the Father (561, CPWIH)

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit,
in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Cherrol Deane, *Synod Representative, The Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade*

LEADER:

O God, Creator of the universe, graciously hear our prayers and supplications as we, your Holy Church gathered here, seek to re-engage purposefully the children entrusted to us in this Diocese and region.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Response: And let our cry come unto you.

LEADER:

O God our Father, stir up your Holy Spirit to rouse and reawaken us, your people, to hear again Jesus' command: "Suffer the children to come unto me." Grant us deliberate initiative and wisdom to embrace our youth with your purpose and love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Response: And let our cry come unto you.

LEADER:

O God of love, who made us in your image so that we may reflect your holy love to all peoples, hear our anguished cries as we encounter violence, disorder, unruly wills, brokenness, and degradation within our communities and land. Remind us of your divine presence; strengthen us to overcome fear; and make us steadfast in leading exemplary lives that positively influence our children and all people.

Taizé Response: O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

LEADER:

O God, who established the purpose and value of human life by enabling us to be co-creators with you, renew our hearts, we pray, that the brokenness within our homes, families, neighbourhoods, communities, and Church may be healed and restored.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Response: And let our cry come unto you.

LEADER:

O God of wisdom, knowledge, and truth, the challenges faced by our youth include decision-making, coping with disappointment, rejection, embarrassment, and inequality. Help us to nurture young minds so that they may see growth as part of renewal through your grace, becoming new creatures in Christ and not remaining as before. Teach us all that growth leads to transformation.

Taizé Response: O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

LEADER:

O God, our divine Helper and Guide, equip your Church with diligence, initiative, clarity of thought and vision, and a willingness to follow our Lord Jesus Christ in proclaiming your Word. Enable clergy and laity alike to unite in your purpose and calling as we serve your chosen people through ministry and witness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Response: And let our cry come unto you.

LEADER:

O God of order, dignity, and promise, we thank you for the continued blessings upon this island and Diocese of Barbados. As a developing nation, may we honour you by maintaining good order and governance, supported by a prayerful commitment to justice and fairness in all things.

***Taizé Response:* O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.**

LEADER:

O God our Provider, inspire the leadership across our land with wisdom, compassion, and purpose. We lift before you all those in need: the unemployed, the sick, those requiring rehabilitation, the displaced, the aged, and the abused. May our leaders be Spirit-led as they seek just and lasting solutions.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Response: And let our cry come unto you.

LEADER:

O eternal God, Creator of all things, we are mindful of climate change and the challenges it brings to human safety and wellbeing. Watch over and protect us, we pray, especially as we move toward the hurricane season. May we remain alert, prepared, and ready to support those in need here and throughout our Province.

***Taizé Response:* O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.**

LEADER:

May we always remember that we are all God's children, whether young or old, and that each of us is of immense worth and purpose in your sight. In you may we live, grow, and fulfil your divine purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

BISHOP:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

BISHOP:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

BISHOP:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE – [FORM C]

BISHOP:

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

ALL:

They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.

BISHOP:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL:

And also with you.

PEACE SONG: For I'm building a people of power (843, CPWIH)

For I'm building a people of power
and I'm making a people of praise,
that will move through this land by my Spirit,
and will glorify my precious name.

Refrain (sung twice)
*Build your church, Lord,
make us strong, Lord,
join our hearts, Lord, through your Son;
make us one, Lord, in your body,
in the kingdom of your Son.*

THE NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMNS FOR THE OFFERTORY

HYMN: When mothers of Salem (*Supplemental Hymnal*)

When mothers of Salem
their children brought to Jesus,
the stern disciples drove them back
and bade them depart;

but Jesus saw them ere they fled,
and sweetly smiled, and kindly said,
"Suffer little children
to come unto Me.

"For I will receive them
and fold them in my bosom;
I'll be a shepherd to these lambs,
O drive them not away;
For, if their hearts to Me they give,
they shall with Me in glory live:
Suffer little children
to come unto Me."

How kind was our Savior
to bid these children welcome!
But there are many thousands
who have never heard His name;
the Bible they have never read;
they know not that the Savior said,
"Suffer little children
To come unto Me."

O soon may the heathen
of every tribe and nation
fulfill Thy blessed word,
and cast their idols all away;
O shine upon them from above,
and show Thyself a God of love;
teach the little children
to come unto Thee.

HYMN: Take my life, and let it be (539, CPWIH)

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

HYMN: Members of Christ are we (660, CPWIH)

Members of Christ are we;
he is our living Head.
That henceforth we should ever be
by His good Spirit led
in the same narrow path
our Lord and Saviour trod—
the path that leadeth by the cross
to glory and to God.

Children of God are we;
such grace to us is given,
to kneel and pray in Christ's own words,
"Father, which art in heaven;
seeking to do His will
as angels do above,
and walking in obedient ways
of holy truth and love.

Of heaven's kingdom we
inheritors were made;
each at the font in Christ's own robe
of spotless white arrayed.
Upon our forehead now
is traced the suffering sign,
that one day on each saintly brow
a glorious crown may shine.

Christ's little ones are we;
and unto us are given
angelic guards, who ever see
our Father's face in Heaven.
To walk in folly now
we may not, must not, dare,
mindful whose seal is on our brow,
whose holy name we bear.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

BISHOP AND PEOPLE

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

BISHOP: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

BISHOP: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

BISHOP:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, after he had risen from the dead, ascended into heaven where he is seated at your right hand, to intercede for us, and prepare a place for us in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER [FORM “C”]

BISHOP:

We give thanks to you Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent Him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

For on the night that He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to His disciples,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper
He took the cup of wine;
and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them and said:
"Drink this, all of you;
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

BISHOP

Therefore, Father, according to His command,

ALL:

We remember His death
We proclaim His resurrection
We await His coming in glory.

BISHOP

And we offer our sacrifice of praise
and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,

this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the sacrament of
the Body of Christ and His Blood of the New Covenant.
Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice
that we, made acceptable in Him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and ever.

ALL: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Caribbean Version*)

BISHOP:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
hallowed be Thy name.**

**On the earth as it is in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
And give us now our daily bread,
hallowed be Thy name.**

**And forgive us all our trespasses,
hallowed be Thy name.
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
hallowed be Thy name.**

**And lead us not to the devil to be tempted,
hallowed be Thy name.
But deliver us from all that is evil,
hallowed be Thy name.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Forever, and ever, and ever, and ever,
Hallowed be Thy name.**

**Amen, Amen, Amen,
hallowed be Thy name.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
Hallowed be Thy name.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BISHOP:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in
one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**



THE COMMUNION



THE INVITATION

BISHOP:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION: 625, 597, 604, 605, 579, 618 (CPWIH)

HYMN: We come as guests invited (625, CPWIH)

We come as guests invited
when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united
to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken,
the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token
of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving
from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing
on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving
for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living
our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing,
one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring
renewed in bread and wine;
renewed, sustained and given
by token, sign and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven,
the love of Christ our Lord.

HYMN: I come with joy, a child of God (597, CPWIH)

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

HYMN: Let us enter into covenant with Christ (604, CPWIH)

Let us enter into covenant with Christ,
celebrating the eucharist of love.
Take a little bread and wine,
Lift up the chalice of the King.

Refrain:

Alleluia! It's a sign of love!
Alleluia! It's a sign of peace!
Alleluia! It's the mystery of faith!
Alleluia! Amen!

Take the body and the blood of Christ,
in divine revelation of his love.
Be transformed, O my people, from your sins,
and eat and drink and live!

Refrain

He is lifted to the throne on high
and will come again to rule all the world.
The saints who sleep in Christ shall rise,
Rejoice, O Zion, and be glad!

Refrain

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
'He who comes to me
I shall not turn away'.

Refrain

Come, you faithful, to the paradise of God,
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.
Eat manna from the tree of life;
You are washed in the blood of Christ!

Refrain

HYMN: Let us talents and tongues employ (605, CPWIH)

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus calls us in – sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel!) everywhere.

Refrain

HYMN: Come with us, O blessed Jesus, (579, CPWIH)

Come with us, O blessèd Jesus,
with us evermore to be;
and, though leaving now thine altar,
let us nevermore leave thee.
Be thou one with us for ever,
in our life thy love divine
our own flesh and blood has taken,
and to us thou givest thine.

Come with us, O mighty Saviour,
God from God, and Light from Light;
thou art God, thy glory veiling,
so that we may bear the sight.
Now we go to seek and serve thee,
through our work as through our prayer;
grant us light to see and know thee,
in thy people everywhere.

Come with us, O King of glory,
by angelic voices praised;
in our hearts as in thy heaven,
be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever
sing its glad exultant songs;
let its hymn be heard for ever –
peace for which creation longs.

HYMN: Sent forth by God's blessing (618, CPWIH)

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended: O now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for man.

His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom and further his plan.

With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as brothers all men of each race.

One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.

Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

HYMNS FOR BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN: 648, 647 (CPWIH)

HYMN: Heavenly Father, send Thy blessing (648, CPWIH)

Heavenly Father, send Thy blessing
on Thy children gathered here,
may they all, Thy Name confessing,
be to Thee for ever dear:
may they be, like Joseph, loving,
dutiful, and chaste, and pure;
and their faith, like David, proving,
steadfast unto death endure.

Holy Saviour, who in meekness
didst vouchsafe a child to be,
guide their steps, and help their weakness,
bless and make them like to Thee;

bear Thy lambs, when they are weary,
in Thine arms and at Thy breast;
through life's desert, dry and dreary,
bring them to Thy heavenly rest.

Spread Thy golden pinions o'er them,
Holy Spirit, from above,
guide them, lead them, go before them,
give them peace, and joy, and love:
Thy true temples, Holy Spirit,
may they with Thy glory shine,
and immortal bliss inherit,
and for evermore be Thine.

HYMN: Give of your best to the Master (647, CPWIH)

Give of your best to the Master;
give of the strength of your youth.
Throw your soul's fresh, glowing ardour
into the battle for truth.
Jesus has set the example;
dauntless was he, young and brave.
Give him your loyal devotion;
give him the best that you have.

Refrain:

*Give your best to the Master;
give of the strength of your youth.
Clad in salvation's full armour,
join in the battle for truth.*

Give of your best to the Master;
give him first place in your heart,
Give him first place in your service;
consecrate every part.
Give, and to you will be given;
God his beloved Son gave.
Gratefully seeking to serve him,
give him the best that you have.

Refrain

Give of your best to the Master;
naught else is worthy his love.
He gave himself for your ransom,
gave up his glory above.
Laid down his life without murmur,
you from sin's ruin to save.
Give him your heart's adoration;
give him the best that you have.

Refrain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL:

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we who share His Body live his risen life;
we who drink His cup bring life to others;
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE EPISCOPAL BLESSING

BISHOP: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

ALL: **The maker of heaven and earth.**

BISHOP: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

ALL: **From this time forth and for evermore.**

BISHOP: Christ our King, make you faithful and strong to
do His will, that you may reign with Him in glory:
and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the
Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always.

ALL: **Amen.**

HYMNS FOR THE RECESSION: 239, 325 (CPWIH)

HYMN: The right hand of God is writing in our land (239, CPWIH)

The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love
our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go.
So clouded is the way, so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate and greed.
our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust
are destroyed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds and souls.
So wondrous is its touch, with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.

The right hand of God, is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope and love.
In these Caribbean lands, let His people all join hands,
and be one with the right hand of God.

HYMN: Go forth and tell! (325, CPWIH)

Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take;
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord, and King,
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;
he will in grace respond to all who call:
how shall they call if they have never heard
the gracious invitation of his word?

Go forth and tell where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.

Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

THE DISMISSAL

BISHOP: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

BISHOP: Go in peace and serve the Lord

ALL: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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